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# MOTION NO. 002-2013 - Approval of Disclosing Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower) Policy

APPROVED 5/23/20136

MOVED BY: Charles Rankin

SECONDED BY: Svante Myrick

"MOTION NO. 002-2013: It was MOVED by Mr. Thayer, seconded by Mr. Rankin, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the following Disclosing Possible Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy).

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Policy for Disclosing Possible Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy) Recommended by Audit Committee 5-16-2013

## Overview

The Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium was established to provide cost effective health and other related insurance benefits for the employees and retirees of member municipalities and their dependents. The aggregate cost of the program affects the future benefits of all members. Ultimately, the true payers of these benefits are the taxpayers of the municipalities in which these employers are located. It is, therefore, incumbent upon everyone involved to ensure that any wrongful acts, such as theft, fraud, waste or abuse are properly reported.

### **Disclosure Policy**

It is the policy of the Consortium that all individuals involved in the administration of the plan, as well as all members who receive benefits provided by the plan abide by the plan documents and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Any expected acts of theft, fraud, waste or abuse should be

reported to the Consortium's Audit Committee or directly to the Attorney-in-fact<sup>1</sup> (John G. Powers of Hancock Estabrook LLP) for further investigation. Such investigation shall be commenced within 30 days. A written report of findings shall be submitted to the Board of Directors within 60 days.

## **Anti-Discrimination Policy**

Any employee who discloses an alleged act of theft, fraud, waste or abuse shall not be discriminated or retaliated against by his/her employer or by any representative of the Consortium. In fact, all disclosures or complaints shall be kept confidential to the maximum extent possible. Disclosures or complaints submitted anonymously shall receive the same treatment as those submitted with identification. Any acts of discrimination or retaliation due to an individual's disclosure of theft, fraud, waste or abuse shall be reported to the Consortium's Audit Committee or directly to the Attorney-in-fact. Reports of discrimination shall be investigated within 30 days. A written report of findings shall be submitted to the Board of Directors within 60 days.

#### **Distribution**

This policy shall initially be distributed to each member municipality, each member of the Board of Directors, and the Joint Committee on Plan Structure and Design. A copy shall also be posted in a conspicuous location at each member municipality facility, and on the Consortium's website.

#### **Review**

This policy shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors at least once every three (3) years.

STATE OF NEW YORK )
) ss:
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a motion adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium on March 28, 2013.

Michelle Pottorff, Administrative Clerk

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